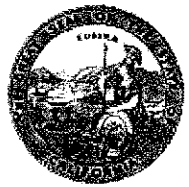


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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS Letter No.: 03-25
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS
ALL COUNTY HEALTH EXECUTIVES
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY MEDS LIAISONS

SUBJECT: PUBLIC GUARDIAN REFERRALS FOR INDIVIDUALS WHOSE
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME/STATE SUPPLEMENTAL
PAYMENT-BASED MEDI-CAL WAS DISCONTINUED AND WHO ARE
RECEIVING NURSING FACILITY SERVICES UNDER CRAIG V. BONTÁ
(Reference: All County Welfare Directors Letters Nos.: 01-36, 01-39,
02-45, and 02-54)

The purpose of this letter is to provide instructions to the counties regarding Public Guardian referrals for individuals discontinued from Supplemental Security Income/State Supplemental Payment who are receiving nursing facility services and who are eligible for Medi-Cal pursuant to the court's order issued in *Craig v. Bontá*.

Each county's Medi-Cal Policy Liaison with the Department of Health Services is receiving this letter with a listing of individuals who are receiving benefits under *Craig* and who have also received services in a subacute, distinct part, intermediate care facility or skilled nursing facility. An updated list will be sent again once *Craig* is implemented.

Because many of these individuals may be in these facilities without representatives or Public Guardians, counties are instructed to contact the facilities to inquire about the individuals' need for Public Guardian referrals. If the facility indicates that an individual does not have a representative and is not competent, then the county must complete a referral to the Public Guardian's office on behalf of that individual. Individuals on the list will be grouped by provider name and zip code to eliminate the need to make numerous calls to the same facility.



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This contact by the counties is only for the purpose of making Public Guardian referrals. Counties must not request any information other than what is needed to make the referral. Counties must not attempt to begin a redetermination until the *Craig v. Bontá* Implementation Plan and Procedures have been approved by the court and instructions have been issued by the Department.

If you have any questions on this letter, please contact Ms. Sherilyn Walden of my staff at (916) 657-3091.

Original signed by

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